



The City News

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City of Atlantis
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Atlantis, FL 33462

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JULY 2008

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

As I mentioned last month, because of the tax cuts extended to us, we face challenges in delivering a budget that can be considered "painless". Having completed the first of a series of budget workshops we are tenaciously looking into every expenditure to ensure we maximize the use of every tax dollar. Resolute in continuing to provide the accustomed level of service, you have our commitment that we will deliver a workable budget. Over the coming months, I will keep you updated on this topic.

Our City Manager Mo Thornton and her staff have been actively working on a revised city website that is soon to hit the internet. Aside from a new look, we will also have a new web address: atlantisfl.gov. No need to worry though, if you still try the old address, because we will create a forwarding feature that will automatically steer you to the new site. This new site will facilitate the timely dissemination of vital information and it will allow for other neat features some of which are, paying your utility bill online, and yes, even sending us emails.

Having watched the HBO series "John Adams", I approach this 4th of July with a different perspective. It is easy to espouse pride in the United States of America simply by our own experiences in life. After all, we are free. But to be exposed to the perspective drawn in the series stirs my nerves in a manner that causes me anguish over the fear and potential sense of despair that must have been felt in taking the courageous steps towards the independence we enjoy today. We owe much to our forefathers for providing us with the ability and the freedom to complain about what we do, enjoy the pleasures in our lives, and the capability to be here reading this newsletter with little concern that we will be stripped from the efforts that they were so willing to die for. Happy Independence Day.

Serving Proudly,

Manny Fernandez



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SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 4, 2009
ATLANTIS 50TH
CELEBRATION

SPASH PAD HOURS:
MONDAY-THURSDAY
12-4 PM
FRIDAY, SATURDAY
AND SUNDAY
12-8 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AMERICA!



SPOTLIGHT ON DAVID KINTZ, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER:

One of our new members of city council holding Seat #3 is David Kintz. He is the grandson of Paul Kintz, who established the City of Atlantis almost 50 years ago and served as its first mayor.

David grew up in Atlantis, attended Sacred Heart Elementary School and Santa Lucies High School. He studied Business Management both at Palm Beach Community College and then at Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville.

What was your first job? I started working at the Country Club when I was in high school—in the bag room, pro shop and doing maintenance. And when I was at PBCC, I bought into and operated a landscape business, which I sold when I went to Gainesville. I came back from school and worked with Gunther Strugger, who was both chef and manager of the restaurant at the Club, for about 4 years. When Gunther went to the Atlantis Grill & Bar in 1997, I became the Club's Food and Beverage Director. And when he left the Atlantis Grill 7 years later, I bought it and ran it for about 3 years. I'm also a principal in RDS Enterprises, a company that develops and remodels property both here and in Palm Beach County.

What do you do in your spare time or on vacation? I spend time with my sons—Tyler is 6, and Logan is 4. I enjoy hunting and fishing and like to vacation in the Florida Keys.

Why did you decide to run for City Council? As a long-time resident, I've seen how the City is changing, in terms of demographics, families and types of houses. We need to be thinking about how to accommodate our residents and provide not only the security and safety they're looking for, but the amenities that will keep Atlantis an attractive and fun place to live. Secondly, since we're pretty much built out within our city walls, we need to be looking for sources of future revenue. Mostly, I've been part of this community for years, I take great pride in it, and I want to help it move forward.

What are your top priorities? I'm still on a learning curve about the budget, but once I get a better grasp of where we are, particularly in light of decreasing revenue from property taxes, I want to work with our City Manager and residents to investigate possibilities for obtaining a grant to build Har-Tru tennis courts. While Atlantis is known as a mecca for golfers, we

have a lot of tennis players, too. So I think we need to upgrade our tennis facilities. The City started along that path by installing lights to allow evening play; putting in newer courts is the next step.

Another project I want to start working on is to expand our security system where it's needed. For instance, I'd like to install a security camera in our public park. In addition to allowing us to keep an eye on our children, I think it would discourage the vandalism that occasionally occurs. Repairing that damage costs Atlantis money! Once the park is more secure, improving the facilities in a meaningful way becomes more feasible.

The Mayor and City Council want better attendance at council meetings. How can you help to do that? On the Council's part, we need to make sure that residents feel like they're being heard. I've been encouraging residents to come to meetings and talk with their neighbors about what's going on. Read the newsletter—that has a lot of information about what's happening. Get on the City's website (www.atlantisfla.org) to read minutes of the meetings and see what the agenda items for upcoming meetings are. Challenge the council—"Have you thought about this? Can we do that?" We'll get more ideas that way. Residents are often aware of things that council members aren't, sometimes for the simple reason that they live in a different part of Atlantis. An open conversation creates a better atmosphere and gives the Council an opportunity to make the City better. While it's true we won't be able to do everything that is suggested, I think it's safe to say that if it's a good idea, we'll listen and consider it. If we can't do it right now, maybe we can do it later.

What do you think your biggest challenge will be? Right now, I think the biggest challenge for the entire city government, both council members and staff, is to provide residents with the services and security they expect in an environment of decreased tax revenue. The City's been fiscally responsible and runs a very tight ship. And when you run a tight ship, managing through a cutback is especially challenging—it's not easy finding places to decrease spending. That's why I think we need to be aggressive in looking for grant money to do the things we need and want to do.

And your biggest opportunity? To work with my fellow councilmembers to move the City forward—remembering its traditions but working for the future.

Pat Matulis

ATLANTIS CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The City Council meeting took place on June 18, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

Ordinance No. 405, Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Licenses, Creating a New Section Titled Residential Rentals and to provide for an Increase in Business Tax Fees, passed 5-0 on second and final reading. This section sets the fee on a yearly basis for any home that is rented in Atlantis. It also provides for an increase in business tax fees.

Ordinance No. 406, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.7 to Provide for Additional Investment Options for the Atlantis Police Pension Plan, passed 5-0 on second and final reading.

Resolution No. 08-11—A Resolution Adopting Sewer and Water Rates, Fees, and Charges, passed 5-0.

The Mayor and City Council are continuing to work with the guards at our gates to improve their performance and professionalism.

William Mitchell

Official Minutes at www.atlantisfla.org

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS by CHIEF ROBERT G. MANGOLD

Hurricane Brochures: The Official Palm Beach County 2008 Hurricane Survival Guide is now available in the City Hall, Police Department, and City Council Chamber lobbies. Please pick up the brochure soon as possible as the hurricane season has commenced.

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms: All homes should be equipped with adequate smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. These alarms can be purchased from Home Depot, Lowes, and numerous other retail stores. Purchase alarms with the United Laboratories (UL) endorsement. For further information go to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) website, <http://www.nfpa.org/index.asp>, and quick link to their Fact Sheets and Safety Tips page.

JFK Disaster Drill: On Friday, 07/11/08, between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM, the JFK Medical Center will be conducting a multi-agency mass casualty **drill**. There will be an unusual amount of emergency vehicle activity and there may be smoke emanating from the top floor of the west parking garage. No one should be alarmed as this is only a drill.

Pedestrians & Bicyclists: Please follow the Florida State Statute when using the roadways; pedestrians are required to walk against traffic and bicyclists must ride with the flow of traffic. Also, help to ensure your safety by wearing light colored, reflective clothing, and using appropriate lighting when walking or cycling at night.

Ordinance 299: This ordinance prohibits the feeding of animals that have a high risk for rabies and includes feral cats, raccoons, squirrels, and opossums. The feeding of other animals such as ducks may create a nuisance and should be avoided.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
Correction for May 2008

Total Enforcement:	286	Total Parking:	1
Citations:	271	Citations:	1
Written Warnings:	14	Written Warnings:	0

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
June 2008

Total Enforcement:	247	Total Parking:	8
Citations:	203	Citations:	8
Written Warnings:	36	Written Warnings:	0

CRIME STATISTICS
May 2008

<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Battery		1
Burglary (Structure & Vehicle)		3
Theft (Grand & Petit)		4
Vehicle Theft		1

HEALTH FAIR AND FLU SHOTS



WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE CITY WILL AGAIN BE ADMINISTERING FLU SHOTS AND PRESENTING A HEALTH FAIR.

THE DATE IS **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008** IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

LAST YEAR 207 FLU SHOTS AND 16 PNEUMONIA SHOTS WERE DISTRIBUTED. MANY RESIDENTS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE CHOLESTEROL AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AS WELL AS THE FREE HEALTH INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS IN A FUTURE ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER.

LET US VOTE!

Let Us Vote was formed in early 2007 to bring Home Rule to Palm Beach cities. Home Rule is the idea that local voters should make decisions for their local communities rather than have rules and regulations imposed in a one-size-fits-all manner by voters countywide. Thousands of citizens signed petitions and the Board of County Commissioners placed the issue on this November's ballot.

The change is pretty simple. Before going into effect within a city, County Charter Amendments would have to be approved by voters countywide **and** by voters within the municipality. If a Charter change was approved by county voters as a whole and city voters rejected the idea, the new rule would not apply within those cities whose citizens rejected it. Essentially, Home Rule gives each city's voters the right to "opt out" of countywide rules they do not feel are in the best interest of their local communities.

This Home Rule change would affect issues that might be the subject of a future Charter change. For instance, parking restrictions and noise regulations should always be local decisions. Aesthetic choices like acceptable building heights and whether to allow Big Box stores differ from city to city. Local voters should make those decisions.

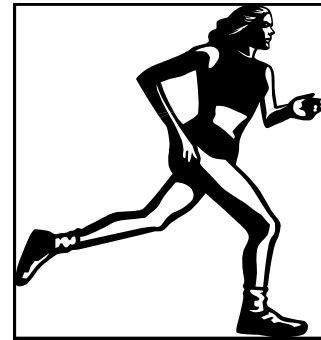
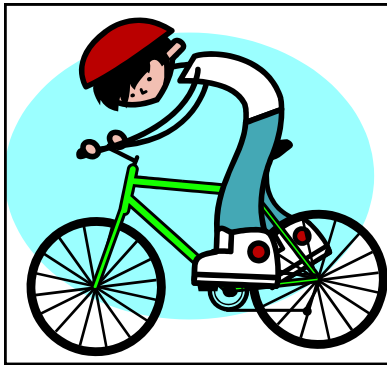
Home Rule will ensure that an individual city's residents, not voters countywide, set the standards in that community. It is an additional voting right that is already enjoyed by city voters in other areas of the state. Palm Beach city voters should be granted Home Rule voting rights as well.

This takes nothing away from residents of unincorporated sections of the county. Everything stays the same for them – the only change is that residents of our cities, towns and villages will have a greater say in what they want within their communities.

I encourage you to learn more about Home Rule and why it matters to you. You can start by visiting www.letusvote.info and then speak with your City Hall staff or elected officials and learn more about what it would mean to your municipality. Finally, in November make sure you get out and vote.

SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 - 2nd ANNUAL BIKE-A-THON

In addition to the Heart Walk—we are going to have the 2nd annual bike-a-thon on the 6th of September, 2008. Please save the date and plan on joining us on your bikes, roller blades or walking a scenic 5K route through Atlantis. For a minimum donation, you can help fight heart disease while joining your neighbors and friends for a fun walk (or ride) that will end with lunch and fun for the kids. We'll keep you posted in future newsletters as we work out the details.



HEART WALK INFORMATION

The City of Atlantis will once again be teaming up with Columbia /JFK Hospital for a Heart Walk. This is scheduled to take place on **Saturday, September 27, 2008** in West Palm Beach, along Flagler Drive. The money raised helps fight heart disease by supporting life-saving research and education. Look for details in a future newsletter. Call Mo Thornton @ (561) 965-1744 or Richard Brown at (561) 642-0939 if you would like to help out.



WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Residents in Atlantis may irrigate two days a week:

For residents with an **odd** numbered address (ending in 1,3,5,7,9) lawn watering is permitted on **Wednesday and Saturday** from 12am to 10am **or** from 4pm –11:59pm. No watering 10am-4pm.

For residents with **even** numbered address (ending in 0,2,4,6,8) lawn watering is permitted on **Thursday and Sunday** from 12am to 10am **or** from 4pm –11:59pm. No watering 10am-4pm.

For more information call 800-662-8876 or visit www.sfwmd.gov/conserve



Summer Fun at Atlantis Country Club

Movie Nights!

June 6

5:30 PM Looney Tunes/
6:15 PM The Sand

July 11

5:30 PM Best Pals Mickey &
Minnie/6:15 PM E.T

August 8

5:30 PM Snoopy, Come Home/
6:15 PM The Goonies

*No Charge

***Special Movie night
Menu Available**

Family Fun Days!

June 21

Fantastic Golf

July 19

Spectacular Sports Day

August 16

Wacky Water Day

September 20

Game Day

The Fun Begins at 4PM!

\$12. Adults/ \$8. Children under 12

Tuesday's Are Family Night! Kids Eat FREE!

(12 and under)

For More information call
561-965-7700 ext. 14

Happy Hour!

**Tuesday - Sunday
4-7 PM**

***Bar specials, \$1 off
Domestic and Import Beers,
House Wine
And Well Drinks!
(Bar Only!)**



Atlantis Golf Club

"The Private Club"

27 Pristine Holes of Golf, Tiff-Eagle Greens

Ready- Golf Policy, no Tee Times Needed

Full Practice Facilities w/ Brand New 1 acre Range Tee, 300+ yds.

Driving area , Putting Green & Large Short Game Area

Fine Dining as well as Bar/Grill Room

Active Clubhouse & Many Social Activities

Membership Categories to accommodate a variety of lifestyles

We have special Introductory Rates, some of which do not require an initiation fee

6 Month Summer Family Membership for only \$1,100 includes unlimited golf

Membership at AGC includes reciprocation at 4 other private clubs in Palm Beach County

Call us for hosting your special events as well- Wedding receptions, parties, meetings, etc.

With introductory Social Memberships starting at only \$500, why not take advantage of having a premier Private Golf Club practically in your own backyard & join our family today! Looking forward to seeing you all here!

Contact Teke Carson with questions 561-966-7602, or email at: tcarson@atlantisgolf.org.

Summer memberships are now available...



Get into the swing...
Join the excitement!



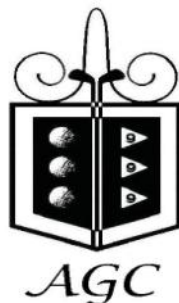
Starting at
\$595 for Singles
\$750 for Family



**As a member you will have
reciprocity at 12 area private clubs**

**Join Atlantis Country Club
and celebrate 35 years of
Championship Golf!**

call the club today...968-1300



Atlantis Golf Club

Junior Golf Camp

July 28 to July 31, 2008

Sponsored by:

Otis and Donna Brown

Hosted by:

Jason Brown, PGA Head Professional

Tommy Butcher, Assistant Professional

Monday, July 28 - Wednesday, July 30

2 - 4:00pm (rules, etiquette, and instruction)

Thursday, July 31

9:00am - noon (on course)

Open to all children in the City of Atlantis

age 6 - 16 please

Call the Golf Shop at (561) 966-7626 to register by July 20, 2008

GARBAGE:

One of the amenities of Atlantis is backdoor garbage service. The City pays a premium to provide this service to our residents. Underground containers are required by city code. Pickup is:

MONDAY

Garbage
Yard Waste
Bulk Items

THURSDAY

Garbage
Recycling

Only vegetation and bulk items should be placed at the curb for collection. Place recycle material in the black bins; place the black bin near the underground cans by 7 AM Thursday.

Separate newspapers and corrugated cardboard into one container. Glass, plastic and aluminum cans are to be commingled in the second container. Put your recycling outside of your garbage can by 7 AM on collection days.

Bulk and vegetation may be placed at the curb

no earlier than 5PM on Sunday for Monday.

If you are missed, notify City Hall as soon as possible. The route supervisor is in the city on pick up days and the day after to insure that all the garbage, trash and recycling is picked up.

Landscapers are required to haul the debris when they have finished their work.

On the first Sunday of every month, residents are permitted to place vegetation and bulk items out at noon on Sunday for Monday morning pickup.

Water based paint cans must be dried out **completely** before being thrown in the garbage. Remove the lid, add sand, cat litter or sawdust and leave uncovered. Aerosol spray cans can be sprayed until empty, then placed in the garbage. All hazardous waste is to be transported to a Solid Waste Authority facility.

Underground liners can be obtained at Ace Hardware or call Jim Schumacher at 718-5888; 840-6499; or 585-3449 for liners and other repairs.

SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY MAKES HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL EASY FOR RESIDENTS

Used oil, paint & pesticides are just a few examples of the hazardous material most residents have in their homes or garages. What can you do to ensure these items are properly disposed of? Take your items to one of the Hazardous Waste Collection Centers located throughout the county from Jupiter to Delray. Visit the SWA website at www.swa.org for a complete list of the items that are accepted at collection centers, as well as locations and times of operation. The nearest center is 651 Industrial Way, Boynton Beach, FL

Old electronics such as TV's, VCR's, stereos, compute monitors & computer CPU's can be taken to the collection centers where they are sorted and hauled away by a certified electronics recycler. The items are stripped apart and all useful components are redistributed and recycled. That keeps these bulky items out of the landfill and helps conserve valuable space.

For more information contact the SWA at (561) 697-2700.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Amy C. Knight, 10B Atrium Circle

Susan Scelia, 237 Gleneagles Drive

Deaths:

Spencer Joyner, 439 Pine Villa Drive

Dick Spittler, 740 Muirfield Circle

Robert L. Walters, 245 Sudbury Drive

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

Of the Atlantis Golf Club meets on the third **Wednesday** of each month at the Atlantis Golf Club. We invite all to attend and have fun.

We review books, have a fruit and danish continental breakfast, meet interesting authors, get to know each other and generally add to our enjoyment of Atlantis living. The cost is \$5.

All you need to do is to call Pat at 561-966-7600 and let her know you will be there. Remember 9 AM on the third Wednesday of each month

We look forward to seeing you there.

PAINTING CLASSES

WEDNESDAY 1-4 PM— **RESUME IN FALL**

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

JOAN TABARI 561-547-5123

GREAT BOOKS CLUB

MEETINGS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

FOR INFORMATION CALL:

SIMMA SULZER AT 561-968-7399 OR
DR. BENNETT MILLER 561-968-2675.

SUMMER TENNIS AND SPORTS CAMP

STARTING JUNE 9th, 8:30 AM—NOON
MONDAY—FRIDAY

FOR INFORMATION CALL:

SHERWIN ANDERSON 561-588-4557

SUMMER ADULT TENNIS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

BETTY ANN BADGER 561-434-4145

ADULT BEGINNER TENNIS CLASS

WEDNESDAY—7 PM

TENNIS ROUND ROBIN & CLINIC

THURSDAYS 7-9 PM

FALL, WINTER & SPRING AFTERSCHOOL TENNIS SESSIONS

FOR INFORMATION CALL:

SHERWIN ANDERSON 561-588-4557

JEWELRY CLASSES

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS — 6-8 PM

CALL MARIE CLAUDE 561-736-5609 or
561-271-8967 EMAIL: CLVERT@AOL.COM

CREATIVE WRITING CLASSES

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE WRITERS

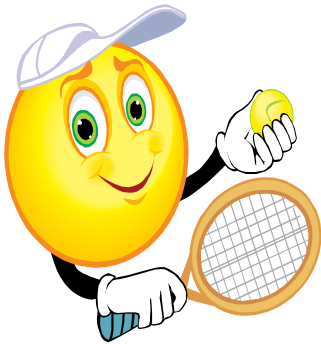
CALL SUZI LYNCH 561-968-8649

CLASSES ARE WEDNESDAY MORNING

ATLANTIS SUMMER TENNIS AND SPORTS CAMP

8:30 AM - NOON MONDAY – FRIDAY

Camp will be fun and exciting! Learn and develop skills needed in tennis—forehand, backhand, serve, lob, volley, scoring, strategy, grips, footwork, swing technique, court position, and some advanced skills. Each week will end with a competition on Fridays with pizza, soda and a prize. Along with tennis, other activities include: arts and crafts, video games, board games, movies, water park, and learning other sports.



Looking forward to seeing you at Camp!

Coach Anderson

SHERWIN ANDERSON / TENNIS PROFESSIONAL

Summer Tennis and Sports Camp at Kintz Park, 301 Glenbrook Drive

Cost is \$140.00 Per Week

Call 561-588-4557 with Questions

Registration:

Name of Camper

____ Week 1 - 6/ 9/08

____ Week 2 - 6/16 /08

____ Week 3 - 6 /23/08

____ Week 4 - 6/30/08

Address

____ Week 5 - 7/7/ 08

____ Week 6 - 7/14/08

City, State, Zip

____ Week 7 - 7/21/08

____ Week 8 - 7/28/08

Phone numbers plus area code

____ Week 9 - 8/4/08

____ Week 10 - 8/11/08

Signature of Parent

Weeks and Kids Total: _____

Minus Discount: _____

Total Due: _____

Camp starts June 9, 2008. Cost is \$140.00/week! 5% discount for multiple weeks ; 5% discount for families. Early drop off and late pick up available for an extra charge.

Bring your racquet, water bottle, towel, change of clothes, sunscreen, and bag for your stuff. We provide balls, instruction, and fun!

Save the Date



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Mom, Dad, Grandpa, Grandma, big kids, little kids, tall kids, short kids, everybody get together..... It's time to celebrate!

Atlantis is turning "50" in 2009, and the planning committee has started working on "The Golden Anniversary Parade," which will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009. We'll have marching bands, floats, decorated golf carts, vintage cars and fire trucks. After the parade, we'll move on to a fabulous picnic, with games, entertainment and pony rides for the kids. And we'll end our special day with a beautiful fireworks display. Every resident is invited!

We want your stories and photos! We're planning to put together a "Memory Book" and DVD about our City, and we need your help for this project. Please go through your photo albums and memories, so our residents can tell our story in their own words. Some thought starters: When did you move to Atlantis? Have you always lived in the same house, or did you move around town? If you grew up here, what do you remember best? If your children grew up here but moved away, they might have some memories to share. Send us some "I remember when..." stories. Has more than one generation of your family lived here? What do your children think about living here—they may have stories, too! If you moved here recently, what drew you to Atlantis? What else happened 50 years ago? Were you born or married in 1959? When someone asks you why you live here, what do you tell them?

You can e-mail your photos and stories to Atlantis50th@atlantisfl.gov, or get them to City Hall, attention "50th Anniversary Committee." Please put your name, address and phone number on the back of the photos, and we'll make sure you get them back!

We invite you to participate in our celebration by planning to attend the festivities on April 4 (and maybe marching or riding in the parade!), submitting stories and photos, and if possible, sponsoring a "congratulatory" note in the commemorative booklet or making a donation to help finance our gala event. All contributions are tax deductible.

We are asking Atlantis-based businesses to be sponsors, too. Sponsorship opportunities—for both residents and businesses--include the following: floats, the marching band, food and beverages, tables and chairs, lighting, sound system, children's activities, the firework display, trolleys, memory book and DVD, T-shirts, license plates and commemorative lapel pins. We'll publish more specific information about the sponsorship program in future newsletters. We look forward to your support—thank you!

As residents, we thank the founding fathers for creating a little piece of heaven for all of us to live in. Many of us have watched our children grow up in Atlantis, and then stay here to raise their own children...what better accolade could a city have?

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